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# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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## **AN ACT** RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHING OF A SPECIAL COMMISSION TO STUDY THE MERGER OF CERTAIN FUNCTIONS AND OFFICES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND THE STATE AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

SECTION 1. There shall be established a special commission to consist of four members of the senate, who shall be appointed by the president of the senate, four members of the house of representatives of the house, who shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, and five persons to be appointed by the governor, one of whom shall be the secretary of administration and finance or his designee, one of whom shall be the chancellor of the board of higher education or her designee, and one of whom shall be the president of the university of Massachusetts or his designee, for the purpose of making an investigation and study relative to possible efficiencies and cost-savings that may be achieved by merging some or all of the administrative functions of the university of Massachusetts system and the state and community college system, to make formal recommendations regarding such a merger and cost savings and to file proposed legislation, if any, to effectuate such recommendations. All appointments to said commission shall be made within 30 days of the effective date hereof. The chairman of said commission shall be selected by the members thereof. Section 2A of chapter 4 of the General Laws shall not apply to said commission. No member of said commission shall be found in violation of section 6, 7 or 23 of chapter 268A of the General Laws for conduct that involves his participation as a member of said commission, if he discloses any financial interest described in said section 6 or 7 or other interest described in said section 23 to the state ethics commission in writing before

his participation as a member of said commission. Seven members of the commission shall constitute a quorum and a majority of all members present and voting shall be required for any action voted by said commission including, but not limited to, voting on formal recommendations or proposed legislation.

Said commission, as part of its review, analysis and study, in making such recommendations regarding relating to the combining of administrative functions of the university of Massachusetts system and the state and community college system, shall focus on and consider the following issues, proposals and impacts:

- (1) Determination of the relative operational efficiency of Massachusetts' public universities and colleges as compared with other institutions in their peer group;
- (2) Identification of which functions, offices or services should be combined to achieve cost-savings or efficiencies;
- (3) A review of the level of executive compensation at Massachusetts' public universities and colleges as compared with other institutions in their peer group;
- (4) A determination of how much money can be saved by combining each such function, office or service;
- (5) A review of the organizational structure of Massachusetts' public universities and colleges;
- (6) Consideration of the possible benefits, consequences and adverse impacts of renaming the state colleges as campuses within the state university system and making such campuses a part of the university of Massachusetts system;
- (7) A review of the possible benefits, consequences and adverse impacts of combining the university of Massachusetts building authority and the state college building authority;
- (8) Recommendations regarding precisely how the combining of each such function, office or service should be achieved;

- (9) Recommendations as to legislation needed to accomplish the combining of each such function, office or service;
- (10) Identification of any possible adverse impacts that might result from the combining of each such function, office or service; and
- (11) Consideration of any other issues, studies, proposals or impacts that, in the judgment of the commission, may be relevant, pertinent or material to the study, analysis and review of said commission.

Said commission shall submit, not later than 270 days after the effective date hereof, a copy of a final report of its findings resulting from its study, review, analysis and consideration, including legislative recommendations, if any, to the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate, the governor, the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the chairs of the house and senate committees on ways and means, the chairs of the house and senate committee on long term debt and capital expenditures, and the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on education, arts and humanities. Any department, division, commission, public body, authority, board, bureau or agency of the commonwealth shall cooperate with the commission for the purpose of providing information or professional expertise and skill relevant to the use of off-shore outsourcing in the commonwealth.

SECTION 3. This statute shall expire 30 days after the filing of the final report of the commission.